Message from the BNCODwebim’07
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The Internet has developed from a convenient platform to link applications into the driving force behind modern enterprises. This presents both opportunities and challenges for the management of information available in the WWW. Applications are typically built using a mix-and-match approach to technologies and this provides major challenges for system design.

The World Wide Web was created in about 1990 and it is certainly still in its early years in terms of its impact on the uses of Information Technology. Currently, in the developed world the WWW carries only a small fraction of all commercial transactions and when we look at emerging nations this fraction almost vanishes. When it reaches full maturity, the significance of the Web will have expanded well beyond that which we now perceive. This potential for growth presents database researchers with many and varied opportunities ranging from how best to process Web-based information in its elementary forms to ways of establishing trust in Internet environments. BNCODwebim’07 brings together engineers, researchers and practitioners who have knowledge to exchange that covers the spectrum of development that information management needs to address to cope with the continuing expansion of the WWW.

We hope that you enjoy BNCODwebim and are able to re-establish ‘auld acquaintances’ and to make new ones. These interactions are very important in enabling us to address the major changes that will emerge as the WWW evolves.

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